

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

December 6, 2009

Ms. Rachel Hirshler
Deputy Director of the
Foreign Trade Administration
Ministry of Industry Trade and Labor
5 Bank Israel Street
Jerusalem, Israel 91036

Dear Ms. Hirshler:

On July 27, 2004, the Government of the United States of America (United States) and the Government of Israel (Israel) entered into an agreement concerning certain aspects of trade in agricultural products (Agreement), effective from January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2008. On December 10, 2008, the United States and Israel agreed to extend the 2004 Agreement through December 31, 2009. Pursuant to the Agreement, our Governments have begun to review the operation of the Agreement and to seek ways to make further improvements.

In order to allow more time for this review, I have the honor to confirm the following understanding between our Governments, effective as of this date:

1. The United States and Israel agree that the Agreement, its annexes, and attachments, with modifications as noted in this letter, will remain in force through December 31, 2010.
2. For 2010, Israel will maintain, for each product listed in Annex B of the Agreement, the quantities for free import into Israel from the United States at the 2008 levels specified for each product in that Annex.
3. For 2010, Israel will maintain, for imports from the United States subject to Annex C of the Agreement, the 2008 preference levels specified for each product in that Annex.
4. For 2010, the United States will maintain, for each product listed in Annex D of the Agreement, the quantities for free import into the United States from Israel at the 2008 levels specified for each product in that Annex.

5. The United States and Israel will continue their review of the operation of the Agreement with a view to reaching a new agreement on trade in agricultural products to enter into force at the earliest practicable date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris A. Wilson".

Christopher S. Wilson
Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for
Europe and the Middle East



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